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NEW ACTIVITY
BAI DUC THON, NORTH VIETNAM
1803N 10550E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:


THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS NEW ACTIVITY AT SEVERAL REST AND
REFUEL AREAS AND BRIDGE SITES IN THE AREA OF BAI DUC THON.

2. REMARKS:

BAI DUC THON IS LOCATED ON ROUTE 15, A PRIMARY TRANSSHIPMENT
ROUTE INTO LAOS VIA THE MU GIA PASS AND ROUTE 12.



3. MISSION READOUT:COMPARISON PHOTOGRAPHY OF 

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 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING NEW


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ACTIVITY IN THE BAI DUC THON AREA:

1.  REVEALS THE BAI DUC THON RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE
OVER THE KHE BA GIANG  LOCATED JUST NORTH OF BAI DUC
THON AT 1803N 10550E. THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY AIR STRIKES AND
IS UNSERVICEABLE. A NEW RAILROAD BY-PASS IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION
WEST OF THE BRIDGE. RAILROAD TRACKS AND TIES ARE OBSERVED ON SOME
SECTIONS OF THE BY-PASS.

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ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF UE 800A THE BRIDGE WAS SERVICEABLE AND THE NEW
BY-PASS WAS BEING GRADED. SUBSEQUENT PHOTOGRAPHY OF 

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 REVEALED THE RAILROAD BY-PASS TO BE COMPLETED

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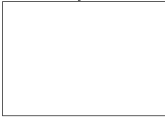
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AND IN OPERATION. SMALL RAIL CARTS WERE OBSERVED ON THE BY-PASS.

2. REVEALS AN ACTIVE REST AND REFUEL AREA JUST EAST OF BAI DUC THON AT 1803N 10550E (UTM WE891963). SEVENTEEN CAMOUFLAGED TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA (FOUR NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC), AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN PROBABLE POL DRUMS ARE LOCATED NEAR THE BASE OF A KARST HILL.

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3. REVEALS THE LA KHE THON RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE NGAN SAU , LOCATED 1.2 NM NORTHWEST OF BAI DUC THON AT 1803N 10549E. THE BRIDGE APPEARS TO BE SERVICEABLE FOR LIGHT RAIL TRAFFIC. THE RAILROAD BRIDGE WAS OBSERVED TO BE UNSERVICEABLE ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF UE 800A. IN THE SAME AREA IS THE BAI DUC THON HIGHWAY BRIDGE NORTHWEST OVER THE NGAN SAU AND AN ACTIVE RIVER FORD.

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4. REVEALS A REST AND REFUEL AREA 1.3 NM NORTHWEST OF BAI DUC THON AT 1804N 10549E (UTM WE873983). FIVE CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED PARKED IN HIGH GRASS. THIS AREA WAS UNOCCUPIED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF UE 800A.

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5. REVEALS A REST AND REFUEL AREA LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTHWEST OF BAI DUC THON AT 1804N 10549E (UTM WE866980). FIVE VEHICLES ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA. THIS AREA WAS NOT OBSERVED TO BE OCCUPIED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF

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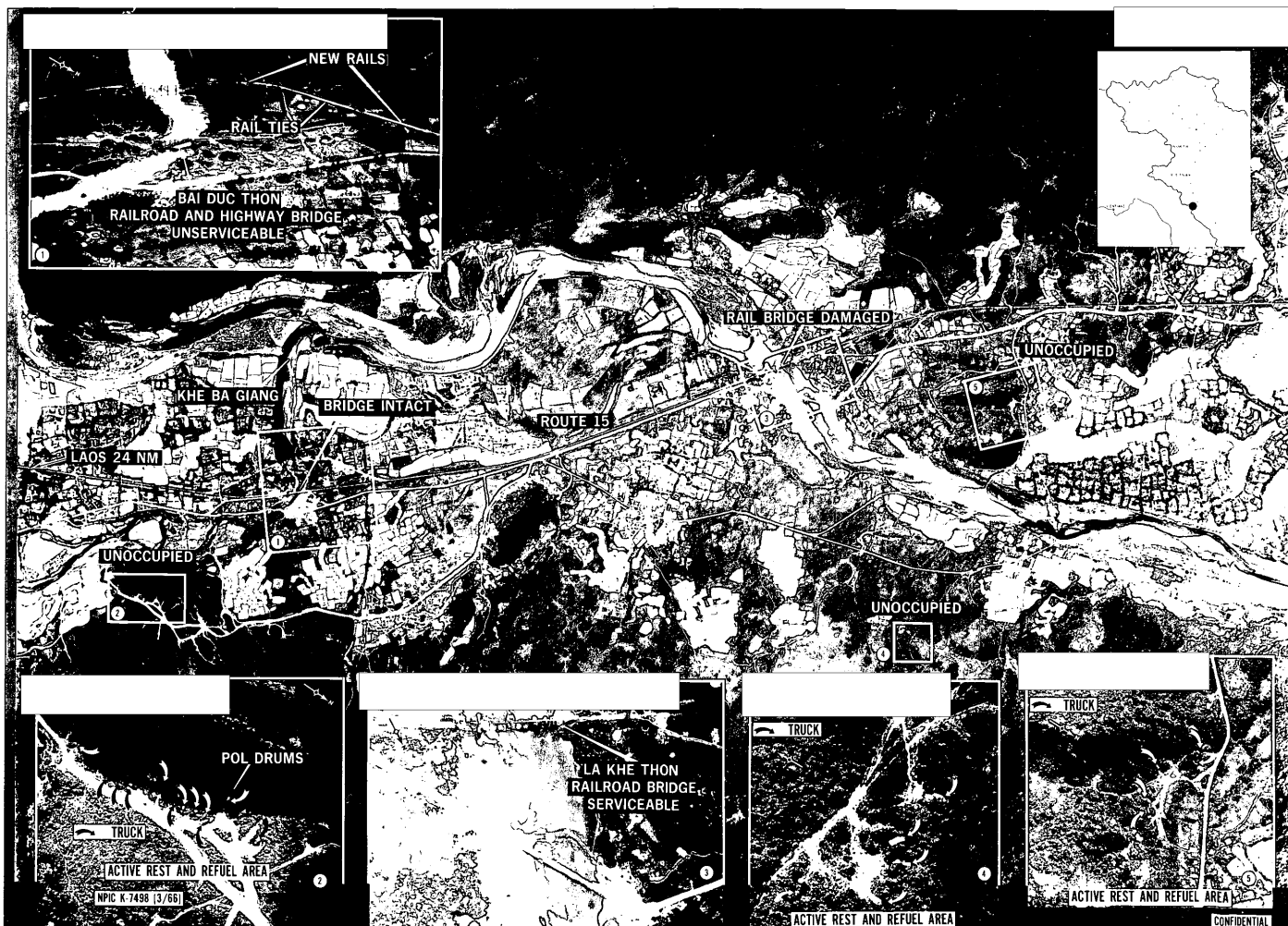
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